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**Testimony Concerning HB 5344**

AN ACT CONCERNING SUPPORT FOR ANIMALS THAT ARE NEGLECTED OR TREATED CRUELLY

I'm a long time pet owner from Hamden CT. I volunteer for two local non-profit groups that support animal well-being. I was in the audience of several New Haven court dates for Alex Wullaert who killed dog Desmond by lynching. Not by hanging from a tree, Wullaert held the dog up by his choke collar and watched him struggle and slowly, painfully die.

I witnessed the many tricks his lawyer used to get his client off easy. I witnessed how cavalier Wullaert was about his trial, laughing at the audience, showing up an hour late, etc.

The prosecutor did his best, but the court let Wullaert off with a, "slap on the wrist."

I feel animals should have an advocate on their side.

Thank you for giving me an opportunity to testify and I do hope you will support this legislation.

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